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SUBJECT: OECD CONFERENCE ON COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AND  
GOVERNMENT POLICIES

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1. IN ABSENCE OF KEY AUSTRIAN OFFICIALS, MOST OF WHOM ARE  
IN GENEVA FOR ILO CONFERENCE, LABATT DISCUSSED PARTICULAR  
U.S. INTEREST IN SUBJECT CONFERENCE WITH AVAILABLE OFFICIALS  
OF MINISTRY AND LABOR MARKET ORGANIZATIONS. BECAUSE OECD  
INVITED GOVERNMENTS, AND SOCIAL (LABOR) AFFAIRS MINISTER  
WEISSENBERG HAD DETERMINED FUNDS NOT AVAILABLE TO SEND  
AUSTRIAN DELEGATION, TRADE UNION AND EMPLOYER ORGANIZATIONS  
WERE NOT INFORMED OF INVITATION. BEFORE GOING TO GENEVA,  
WEISSENBERG HAD WRITTEN MFA TO ASK THAT AUSTRIAN EMBASSY  
IN WASHINGTON PROVIDE AUSTRIAN PARTICIPANT. THIS PROPOSAL  
WAS APPROVED IN MFA.

2. ALSO PARTICIPATING FROM AUSTRIA WILL BE DR. THOMAS  
LACHS, FORMER AUSTRIAN TRADE UNION FEDERATION ECONOMIC  
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DIRECTOR WHO IS NOW DIRECTOR OF VIENNA CONSUMER COOPERA-  
TIVES. LACHS IS "EXPERT DISCUSSANT WITH LABOR LEANINGS"  
WHO IS PARTICIPATING UPON DIRECT INVITATION OF OECD, BUT  
FROM BOTH GOA AND TRADE UNION POINTS OF VIEW HIS PRESENCE  
OBVIATES NEED FOR FURTHER GOA OR TRADE UNION PARTICIPATION.

3. EMBASSY WISHES TO NOTE THAT SCHEDULING OF OECD CONFER-

ENCE ON HEELS OF ILO CONFERENCE AND DURING SUMMER HOLIDAY  
MAKES IT VERY DIFFICULT FOR SMALL COUNTRY WITH UNDERSTAND-  
ABLY THIN PERSONNEL RESOURCES TO PUT TOGETHER DELEGATION  
UNLESS GIVEN EXTENSIVE LEAD TIME. WITHOUT SIMILAR LEAD  
TIME, EMBASSY REPRESENTATIONS WILL NOT HAVE MUCH EFFECT.  
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